cause of negligence and to take preventive measures;

(iii) setting up of specialised investigating units in States where crime is rampant;

(iv) to collect and collate intelligence with regard to illicit manufacture and trafficking in arms etc.

Further in the context of rising trend of violence and terroriem by extremists and anti-national elements, the penal provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 were reviewed and made more stringent in the Arms (Amendment) Act, 1988.

According to available information during the period from January, 1990 to June, 1990, nine illegal arms manufacturing units were unearthed from various States a indicated below:—

State/Union Territory	Number of unlicensed arms manufacturers unearthed
1. Maharashtra	2
2. *Madhya Pradesh*	2
3. Nagaland	1
4. Rajasthan	2
5. Uttar Pradesh	2
TOTAL:	9

In respect of the following States no illegal arms manufacturing units were unearthed during the period January 1990 to June, 1990:—

1. O&N Island
2. Arunachal Pradesh
3. Chandigarh
4. Daman & Diu
5. Dadar & Nagar Haveli
6. Delhi
7. Goa
8. Gujarat
9. Haryana
10. Himachal Pradesh
11. Jammu & Kashmir
12. Karnataka
13. Lakshadweep
14. Mizoram
15. Manipur
16. Orissa
17. Pondicherry
18. Sikkim
19. Tripura

In respect of the remaining States no information is available.

Special communication Networks like Bisnet, etc.

3238. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering special communication networks like Bisnet, etc; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) Government is not having the details of Bisnet Communication Network. However, the Department of Telecommunications permits the establishment of private communication networks for closed user groups. The interface equipment is to be approved by the Department of Telecommunications.

Selection for approved panel, for TV Serials

2339. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Manohar Shyam Joshi, the writer of Hum Log and Buniyad was not selected for the approved panel for the TV serials inspite of his application for the same;

(b) whether the approved panel has since been scrapped; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in doing so?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Shri Manohar Shyam Joshi had not applied to Doordarshan in his induvidual capacity for empanelment as a Producer or Director for production of sponsored serials.

(b) and (c) The panel has not been put into operation.

Union Territory Status to Ladakh.

3240. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make the 'Ladakh' region of Jammu and Kashmir a Union Territory;

(b) whether in the absence of such a status the region's economy is suffering as compared to the Valley region; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the economic infrastructure of the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Efforts in regard to development activities of all the three regions, namely Kashmir Valley, Jammu and Ladakh have been intensified.

दिल्ली वाहन के नए किस्म के पंजीकरण नम्बर

3241. **चौधरी हरि सिंह :** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दुपहिया और तिपहिया स्कूटरों, कारों, बसों, ट्रकों, ट्रैक्टरों और मोटर साइकिलों के मामले में नई किस्म के पंजीकरण नम्बर देने का काम दिल्ली में शुरु किया गया था जिन्हें वाहनों के अगले और पिछले हिस्सों पर लिखा जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या दिल्ली में चलने वाले समस्त वहानों को ऐसे नम्बर दे दिये गए हैं। और

(ग) अन्य राज्यों में नए किस्म के पंजीकरण दिये जाने का काम कब तक शुरु हो जाएगा ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री के० पी० उन्नीकृष्णन) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) तथा (ग) मोटर वाहन अधिनियम, 1988 जो पहली जुलाई, 1989 का लागू हुआ है, के उपबंधों के अनुसार सभी राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों में पंजीकरण प्राधिकरणों के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किए गए सभी प्रकार के मोटर वाहनों को पंजीकरण चिन्ह प्रदान करने की एक नई पद्धति लागू की गई है । पुरानी पद्धति के अंतर्गत पहले प्रदान किए जा चुके पंजीकरण चिन्हों में कोई परिवर्तन